With the First Nighters

"A PAIR OF SIXES"

"A Pair of Sixes," by Edward Peple, which was seen at the Salt Lake theater early in the week, served two good purposes; one was to bring the tired business men and their families temporarily out of their depression and make them forget the war, and the other was the introduction of Herbert Corthell to the playgoers. Mr. Corthell is a comedian of quite some avoirdupois, but the fat does not extend to his head and he won his own game, even if he did lose on "A Pair of Sixes."

"A Pair of Sixes" is a rather broad and absurdly funny farce and if reduced to one act would make a great vandeville hit for years to come, but the idea which prevails through it is carried too long, though thirty or forty minutes of nonsense is worth a good laugh for anyone. Oscar Figman, as the lawyer, was seen to better advantage than for some time. Mr. Figman in a straight part, eliminated the mannerisms he uses in musical comedy. The change was delightful.

Some day a playwright will give us a farce that does not contain a freak servant girl calling for great exaggeration in make-up and business, but we don't know just when it will be. We had her again in the Coddles of Josie Intropidi.

The others in the company were very good, all things considered, and taken all in all, we are glad "A Pair of Sixes" came—and went.

ORPHEUM.

Probably the ethical thing to do in referring to the people on the excellent bill at the Orpheum this week is to mention the top liners first, but how is anyone going to do it with Alicen Stanley on the bill? Billed as the girl with the personality, she proves it every minute and her reception has been such as has been seldom ac-

corded to artists who appear in vaudeville here. With an indescribable charm—personality, that's all, a perfectly developed sense of humor and a freedom of manner that is a perfect delight, no one distances her in her particular line of work.

The epilogue from "Mariana," played by Bertha Kalich and her capable company, a dramatic incident that gives full play to her art, is one of the finest things of the kind ever seen here, even if the star does detract from its effectiveness a little by immediately taking a bow after she has been killed. The stage is dressed inxuriously, the costuming is handsome and in excellent taste and the brilliant woman has surrounded herself with fine support. We believe she has never been seen here before and theater goers were afforded a great treat by the Orpheum pople.

Mile. Maryon Vadle and her company in a series of lyric dances met with general approval, her assistants in particular winning the audiences with their grace and beauty. The dances were all pretty and of very high order, though with Pav lowa's "Bacchanal" in mind, that number was far too slow in movement.

The Mozarts who open the bill in their dances with snow shoes have a great novelty especially interesting to those who have tried to walk on the things for the first time, let alone dance.

Florence Wallace appeared to advantage with a good soprano voice, though she ought to let the "Chocolate Soldier" die, and Leona Henderson, the cellist with the Wharry Lewis quintette was another hit, though as much can not be sald for the rest of the quintette, particularly the lady who regaled us with "Good-bye Forever," and "Just a Song at Twilight." Goodnight! The travel weekly was as interesting as usual.

For the week opening tomorrow, Manager Levy announces Eleanor Haber and company in "The Office Lady" as the headliner. Will Rogers, the Oklahoma cowboy; the Trans-Atlantic Trio in a novel musical offering; Duffy and Lorenze in their miniature musical comedy "Springtime;" the Hess sisters, Marie and Billy Hart and Gormley and Caffery, comedy acrobats,

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